

## NEW YORK IS AT MERCY OF ENEMY GUNS

GEN. WEAVER SHOWS TWO "EMERGENCY SITUATIONS" WHERE U. S. IS WEAK

GENERAL WOOD SAYS WE ARE AT MERCY OF INADERS

SENATOR HOKE SMITH TAKE HOT SHOT AT ENGLAND'S COMMERCIAL METHODS

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 20.—Two "emergency situations" as to coast defenses of New York and San Francisco, where the enemy battleships, with long range guns, could bombard portions of the cities without danger, were described to the House military committee today by Brigadier General Weaver, chief of coast artillery. He said the war department contemplated placing larger guns at these places, which would offset the long range guns now afloat. He said the largest gun in the New York harbor would shoot only twelve miles.

Hoke Smith After England.  
Washington, Jan. 20.—Great Britain's interference with neutral trade was vigorously attacked today by Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who pleaded for action to prevent England advancing their own trade at the expense of the United States, while attempting to destroy Germany commercially. Discussing the action of the Allies in proclaiming cotton a contraband, the senator asserted that cotton had not been used or needed by Germany or the allies for more than eight months. He said Germany has developed a cheaper and more effective substitute in the manufacture of explosives.

Wood Tells Facts.  
Washington, Jan. 20.—Major General Leonard Wood told the senate military committee the coast line of the United States was open to attack by any well organized foreign army, despite its equipment of forts, mines and submarines, and that the oceans formed no serious barrier to invasion. He declared that in the country's present state of unpreparedness for war, a trained force of 150,000 men could inflict incalculable damage before any army could be assembled to meet it.

Cites Gallipoli Landing.  
Events of the European war clearly demonstrated, the general said, that the sea was the best medium for the movement of troops, and he pointed out that a force of 150,000 men, fully equipped, had been landed at Gallipoli from a single expedition at 58 ships against submarines, mines and an underwater screen of barbed wire that fringed every available landing place.

Emphasizing his conviction that troops cannot be improvised to meet regulars, General Wood declared the fundamental basis of any policy of adequate national defense must be the principle that with sufficient men an obligation for military service. Such a policy had been advocated by George Washington, he said, and it had been adopted Canada would have become part of the United States in the war of 1812.

"Only once in our history have we been prepared for war," he added. "That was immediately after the Civil war, when we had a million and a half trained soldiers. Our diplomatic correspondence with France concerning Mexico was very brief. It required only one note because of our

## THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

Jan. 20, 1915.  
British troops captured Freylingen. Russians drove back Austrians in Hungary and marched on Jacobeni. Dutch naval patrol boat sunk by mine, five men drowned. Governor of Crows ordered partial evacuation of the city.

## President's Scientific Commission at Canal With Goethals



## UNCLE SAM WINS FIGHT AGAINST J. BARLEYCORN

CATO SELLS TELLS DRAMATIC STORY OF EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE WHISKY

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—A dramatic story of the government's fight to stop the sale of liquor to Indians is outlined by Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs. So well have the efforts of the Indian service succeeded, he said, that the traffic virtually has been broken up. Not only has the government cut the sale of liquor to Indians on reservations and elsewhere, but in one instance it has made a fifth of a state try through enforcement of a sixty-year-old Indian treaty. Older treaties are being studied now to determine if Indians in other territory partly populated by Indians can be closed.

Minnesota is the state in which a vast area was freed of saloons by treaty enforcement. The agreement, evoked by the government in known as the Chippewa treaty of 1855. For many years its provisions regarding the sale of whisky had been forgotten until one day last summer it was discovered in the Indian bureau that the convention was a perpetual bar to the sale of intoxicants in northwest Minnesota.

Indian officials determined to enforce the treaty and began, too, the study of similar agreements in other states. On October 20 last an order went forth that saloons in several of the larger towns in the territory must close within ten days. Liquor dealers refused to close and took the fight into the courts, where it has just been decided that the treaty provisions still are in force.

Indian officials say the Indian himself first realized that alcohol was a menace to the race and that in the Minnesota treaty as well as in most of the other Indian treaties the Indian and not the white man stipulated that intoxicants should not be sold in Indian territory.

In other parts of the country officials charged with enforcement of

## RUSH SPRINGS POSTMASTER WANTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

Uncle Sam's sleuths are searching for J. Lee Wildman, postmaster at Rush Springs, according to a communication received by William Mitchell, chief of police, yesterday. A deputy United States marshal in southern Oklahoma telephoned Chief Mitchell, asking him to locate Wildman. A federal warrant has been issued for the postmaster on information charging him with embezzlement of \$2,000 of postoffice funds, the marshal said. Rush Springs is a town on the Rock Island in southern Oklahoma.

This photograph shows the commission of scientists named by President Wilson to study the slides in the Panama canal on the first visit to the scene in charge of General Goethals. Since the photograph was taken the first large ship has gone through.

## ROYAL SECRET IS IMPARTED TO BIG CLASS

MID-WINTER CONSISTORY REUNION CLOSING WITH 100 TAKING FINAL DEGREES

With the morning of the thirty-second degree Thursday afternoon the mid-winter consistory at the temple was officially closed. Thursday night social entertainment will be the last at the temple. The 234 degrees went on at 3.15 and was to be finished at 6 o'clock. Thursday morning the thirty-second and thirty-first degrees were mounted. J. Harvey Anderson, for the 25th consecutive time directed the thirty-second. Henry Morgan looked after the destinies of Inspector Inquisitor. Illustrative organ music and "A Perfect Day," W. H. Morgan, soloist, were features.

Dr. Edwin DeLong of Norman, had charge of the thirty-second. The vocalists and McIntyre's T. Will Evelyn Thoe, pleased greatly. About 100 candidates were placed in possession of the royal secret.

## RITE LADIES PLEASED WITH OPERA READING

PUCCHINI'S "MADAME BUTTERFLY" IS GIVEN DURING RECEPTION AT HOME

The beauties and the pathos of "Madame Butterfly" the English opera by Giacomo Puccini and John Luther Long were told in story by Mrs. Frank Hilton Greer, reader, assisted by Miss Mary Cover, pianist, and Mrs. Josephine Story White, vocalist, at the Hotel Lone Wednesday afternoon. Miss Florence Adler introduced the artists and Mrs. Greer, in a brief introduction explained that the program was to be somewhat curtailed because of the absence of Mr. Pinkerton, the tenor, and the violinist, both of whom are suffering with influenza. Miss Cover played the brief prelude with which the opera opens (there is no overture) and Mrs. Greer took up the story of the sweetness in prosperity, courage in adversity of the womanly woman of little Chu Chu San. She described her little home near Nagasaki, wistaria covered, nestled on the hillside with the bronze Buddha overlooking. Pinkerton, the Ameri-

(Continued on Page Three.)

## RAG CHEWED ON GAMBLING BILL IN HOUSE

LOWER BODY ALSO VOTES TO ADJOURN SIX O'CLOCK FEBRUARY 5

Oklahoma City, Jan. 20.—"Debate" raged, on an anti-gambling bill marked work in the house today. It was, in fact, a ragchewing. The senate did little. The house passed a resolution fixing date of adjournment at 6 o'clock, February 5. The resolution was sent to the senate. Numerous petitions have been received asking that no grandfather legislation be enacted.

Two bills have been introduced in the house, providing for the establishment of a wine factory at the state penitentiary—one by Abney, the second by Testerman Heady and Sams. The latter bill appropriates \$100,000 for the project and creates the office of superintendent at a salary of \$12,000. Convicts are to receive in cents a day, all of which to go to the family, if the convict has dependents. If not, the state is to receive half, the balance to be held in trust until the prisoner is released.

Governor Williams has not indicated just when he will send his supplemental message to the legislature authorizing the body to take up the election law proposition.

## BETHLEHEM STEEL DIVIDEND BIG

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 20.—The Bethlehem steel corporation has declared a dividend of thirty dollars a share on the common stock of its 1915 earnings, payable quarterly.

## OKLAHOMA CITY SUICIDE AND FIANCEE WELL KNOWN HERE

That Miss Olive Todd, fiancee of J. O. Weidner, Oklahoma City young man who killed himself Tuesday morning received a last letter from the dead man to the story in circulation in Guthrie, where both young people have many friends. H. D. Todd is an uncle of the young lady. The Todds were residents of this city in the early fifties and are remembered by all old timers.

It came to light today that Weidner, before committing suicide had written a long letter to Miss Todd in which he laid bare his life and told her many things that the general public does not know and probably never will learn.

The story that he was troubled with insomnia and was on the verge of madness, it is understood, was in a measure true, but the true reason for the rash act was of a more tragic nature.

Old papers for sale at The Leader office.

## UNION FORMED BY G. O. P. TO BEAT THE PRESIDENT

ROOSEVELT AND THE "OLD GUARD" CAN AGREE ON CANDIDATE

PROGRESSIVES CROSSING OVER ON ANTI BRIDGE

MANY ARE URGING KNOWN FOR NOMINEE, THOUGH HE IS NOT CANDIDATE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Harmony between the old guard and Col. Roosevelt in the selection of a presidential candidate for the republican party is now predicted by men who are influential in the councils of the regulars. A brief statement from Senator Boise Penrose of Pennsylvania, listed as one of the sturdiest of the standpatters, is full of significance. Asked for his opinion on the situation, Senator Penrose said:

"I believe it is entirely feasible to agree upon a candidate for President who will command the respect and support of Colonel Roosevelt and his followers. The progressives are coming back to the republican party as is shown by recent elections. The bridge upon which they are crossing over is condemnation of the utter inefficiency of the Wilson administration. That is a platform upon which all republicans of all shades can unite."

Speaking By the Book.  
Further than this Senator Penrose would not go. He declined to name possibilities or predict the outcome of the convention. It is known, however, that he recently returned from New York, where he was in conference with other chiefs of the republican party, and for that reason it is assumed that he is speaking by the book.

It also is significant that Senator Penrose positively declines to question the good faith of Roosevelt or attribute to him a motive which many others assign, namely a desire to frame up the situation so that the nominee of the republican convention will be Roosevelt himself. There have been rumors of friendly messages between Penrose and Roosevelt conveyed

## BRITISH NOW ARE HURLING THE POISON BOMBS

AID IS RUSHED TO ALIED TROOPS SURROUNDED NEAR KUT-EL-AMARA

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Jan. 20.—A British attack with the use of smoke bombs on the German positions north of Freilighen in northern France is officially announced. The British, however, were repulsed with very heavy losses.

British Reinforcements on Way.  
London, Jan. 20.—General Aymer's British troops yesterday were in close touch with the Turkish position at Esin. They are now only seven miles from Kut-el-Amara, where the British are surrounded by the Turks.

Submarine Grounded.  
London, Jan. 20.—A British submarine is ashore off Holland according to an official announcement. No loss of life is reported.

Trey Threw Bombs.  
Tokio, Jan. 20.—Four young political agitators were arrested for recruiting.

(Continued on Page Two.)

## "KING OF BOOTLEGGERS" MUST FACE TRIAL HERE

CREEKMORE AND HIS PALS ARE AGAIN INDICTED, MAKING THIRD TIME IN MONTH

M. A. Cain, known as the Oklahoma "distributor" for the Creekmore booze syndicate, indicted, was the first of the four men indicted by the federal grand jury here, to appear and offer bond. Cain's bond was placed at \$2,500 by Judge Cotter. A bond for that amount signed by Mrs. Lee Meyer was turned down in the court after a vigorous protest made by Attorney John Fain, who informed the court that the bond was not good. Cain was ordered placed in jail here until an acceptable bond could be secured.

W. F. White, Oklahoma City representative of Creekmore, C. H. Tiedeman and W. J. Creekmore, the "king of the bootleggers" are still at large, but will be arrested today. All were indicted by the federal grand jury sitting here last week, charged with conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States.

Creekmore's trouble began in Oklahoma City, December 10th, 1915 when a jury, after a most sensational trial found him guilty of conspiring to violate the prohibition laws of Oklahoma. As a result of that trial he was sentenced to serve one year in the McAlester penitentiary. He and his associates were immediately re-arrested by the federal authorities of the eastern district of the state and today trial is now progressing at Muskogee. When the trial ends there, the conspirators must face a jury in federal court in this city.

Creekmore is said to be a millionaire. When he began selling whisky in Oklahoma he owned a small saloon in Joplin, Mo.

## PASSENGER TRAIN IN DITCH, ONE KILLED

Trenton, Mo., Jan. 20.—Engineer Louis Collier was killed and four train men injured when an east bound doubleheader Rock Island passenger train was derailed. The Golden State limited and passenger train No. 2 were combined in one. The train was rounding a curve when the second engine turned over, pinning Collier underneath. The first engine remained on the track. None on the passengers were hurt.

All of the steel coaches left the track.

## TWENTY-FOUR CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM PRISON

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 20.—Using a saw made from a knife and cutting through boards eight inches thick twenty-four white convicts, with terms ranging from one year to a life sentence, escaped today from the state convict farm near Cummins. None had been apprehended at noon.

## TO MAKE \$35,000 ADDITION TO TEMPLE

The Mahatma temple is too small. Plans are in the making by the vestry for the purchase of the entire block of ground on which the temple stands and the erection of a four-story "12" addition. The improvement will cost \$35,000.

## LITTLE MONTENEGRO SPURNS AUSTRIA'S TERMS; WAR RESUMED

(By Associated Press.)  
Rome, Jan. 20.—Fighting between Austria and Montenegro has been resumed.

The premier of Montenegro officially notified the Italian foreign office early today to this effect.

The note says King Nicholas and the Montenegrin government rejected all the Austrian's terms and that fighting was resumed along the entire front.

The king remains with the army to organize the country's defense.

## SNOW-BALL ARMIES MARCH TOWARD SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS ANXIOUS TO GET INTO GREAT WAR

TO CHANGE CALENDARS IN PARTS OF RUSSIA

GERMANS ISSUE ORDER FOR USE OF GREGORIAN CALENDAR; ACTOR GETS CROSS

(By Associated Press.)  
Sydney, Australia, Jan. 20.—The "snow ball army" idea has taken hold of many communities and there are now four such "armies" marching from as many towns in New South Wales toward Sydney, accumulating recruits on their way. The "Wallabies"—so called from a species of kangaroo—are marching here from Narrabri; the "Kangaroos" from Wagga; the "Waratahs"—named after an Australian flower—from Nowra; and "The Men from Snowy River" have left the town of Delegate. The nickname of the latter party is taken from the poem of "The Men from Snowy River," by A. B. Paterson, a popular poet who is now a major with the Australian forces in Egypt.

The military authorities are giving these voluntary "armies" as much encouragement as possible. Staff sergeants-major have been provided for each contingent. The several marches now in progress cover from 100 to 100 miles, and along the way the volunteers are the center of many patriotic ovations.

To Change Calendars.  
Warsaw, Jan. 20.—General von Bessler, governor of Poland, has issued a decree according to which that portion of Russia now occupied by the Germans shall henceforth change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, and therefore conform to the standards of a majority of the countries of the world.

Heretofore Russia and Poland, have gone by the calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in the year 47 B. C., which varies by 13 days from the Gregorian calendar compiled in the 16th century, and adopted by most countries in the 18th century.

The introduction of the Gregorian calendar into the government of Warsaw means a cessation of countless misunderstandings. Heretofore it has been necessary to "double-date" every proclamation and order. Thus a document referring to December 11 had also to bear the date November 28 for the benefit of Poles reckoning according to the Julian calendar. In future all dates will be according to Gregorian reckoning.

Actor Gets Cross.

London, Jan. 20.—Lieutenant Wilbur Darnell of the Royal Fusiliers, who has been posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross, is believed to be the first actor to have gained this honor. It was in East Africa that Darnell,

(Continued on Page Eight.)

## THE WEATHER

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB  
Sometimes I feel a little sore. With all my ceaseless work and woe. I wouldn't want to live my life, just wrapped in cotton better, though.

(By Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., Jan. 20.—Tonight and Friday, cloudy with rain.